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February 21, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Group (CI)
2 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 1963

PRESENT: Mr. Johnson, the Attorney General, Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Bell,
Mr. Forrestal, General Carter vice Mr. McCone, General
Johnson vice General Taylor

Ambassador Thompson was present for Item 1, together with
the members of his Interdepartmental Team

Colonel Benson was present for Item 3.

1. Interdepartmental Team Visit to Tunisia and Liberia

Ambassador Thompson described the activities of the Interdepartmental Team, in preparation for the survey of country team operations in Tunisia and Liberia, and tabled an outline guide to be used in development of the reports. The latter are scheduled for submission in early April.

The Attorney General emphasized that the team represents the President, and not the departments and agencies from which the members are drawn. Mr. Forrestal observed that a major objective of the team should be to point out where current policies are vague, in need of sharpening, or revision. It was noted that an interdepartmental team survey should not get into the details of departmental operations normally handled by departmental inspections.

Mr. Johnson commented that the Secretary of State has asked Mr. Orrick to prepare a summary of results from the earlier missions to Guatemala, Venezuela, and Brazil.

2. Southeast Asia Status Report

Mr. Forrestal circulated a chart setting forth the various paramilitary operations in South Viet-Nam. The Southeast Asia Status Report was noted, without comment by the members.

3. Indonesian Civic Action Program

Colonel Benson reviewed the development of the earlier civic action study, and the programs currently being initiated. The AID part of the program has been approved and financed, and the hand tools for use in Phase 1 of the program are scheduled for arrival in Indonesia in early

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April. Engineering equipment to be furnished under the MAP program is delayed pending a Presidential Determination for the overall MAP program. Of the 18 million dollar program, 2.6 million is for civic action.

Colonel Benson stated that except for the Presidential Determination there are no major problem areas foreseeable during the current year relative to getting the programs underway. Both President Sukarno and General Jani have issued instructions to the Army commanders to proceed with the civic action programs; and Colonel Benson and his two officers have permission to visit any area of the country, relative to the civic action programs.

It was noted that there is current interest on the part of the Indonesian Government to send military officers to the United States, for training in civilian institutions, prior to subsequent assignments within the ministries.

4. Priority National Intelligence Objectives for 1963

General Carter observed that, rather than present an oral briefing, the Agency had disseminated a memorandum and copies of the Priority National Intelligence Objectives for 1963. The papers were noted by the Group.

5. Improvement of Indigenous Intelligence Organizations

The CIA paper was noted without comment.

Miscellaneous Items

A. General Taylor's memorandum of February 21 proposing a review of counterinsurgency programs in Venezuela was referred to the Latin American Policy Committee for staffing. It was noted that JCS is not represented on the Latin American Policy Committee, and that for the purpose of this review JCS representatives should participate. The results of the review are to be presented to the Special Group (CI). General Carter will determine whether or not certain sensitive activities may be taken up within the context of this review, and if this is not feasible, will have a separate annex prepared for presentation to the Group.

B. The Chairman noted that several country teams have prepared internal defense plans on their own initiative, following review of the "Overseas Internal Defense Policy" paper. The latter was approved by the Group in August 1962, and subsequently circulated to the field. Plans relating to countries within Latin America will be reviewed by the Latin American Policy Committee.

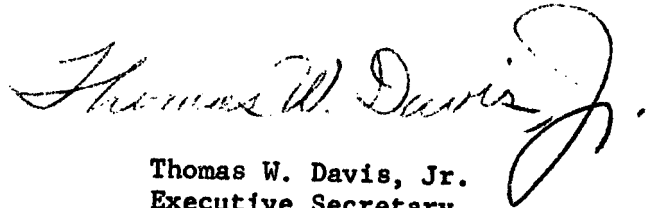
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C. Mr. Johnson also observed that the Department has initiated a strategic studies program to insure that U.S. programs are fully coordinated, and to eliminate duplication of planning effort.

D. The CIA appraisal of the threat of insurgency in East Pakistan, circulated to the members earlier in the week, was noted.


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